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APPLICANT : Andrew John Stentz  
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 TITLE : OPTICAL AMPLIFIER HAVING AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including Friday, March 21, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$55.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.